

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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DEVELOPMENT OF WATER RESOURCES
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have decided to launch some schemes for the revival and development of sources of water such as Aahar, Ponds and Lakes;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith guidelines issued to States and Union Territories in this regard;
- (c) whether steps have been taken to launch such schemes in Maharashtra; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof alongwith names of places identified for the purpose, district-wise?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SMT. BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

(a) to (d) Water Resources Development Scheme are formulated by the State Governments themselves and implemented and funded according to their own priorities.

Ministry of Rural Development, as part of Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP) and Prime Minister's Gramodaya Yojana (PMGY)– Rural Drinking Water has included ground water recharge, rainwater harvesting and other traditional methods of conserving rainwater for maintaining the sustainability of drinking water sources starting from the year 2000-2001. Under this scheme 25% of the 20% funds for Sub-mission projects under ARWSP and 25% of the PMGY are earmarked for taking up schemes/projects on sustainability. Guidelines for implementation of schemes and projects on sustainability under ARWSP and PMGY – Rural Drinking Water have been issued by Ministry of Rural Development. The guidelines inter-alia provide for taking up nalla bunding, percolation tanks, storage tanks, village tanks etc. under the scheme. Ministry of Agriculture through watershed management programme is also implementing measures for increasing watershed retention capacity for rainwater. The Central Ground Water Board under the Ministry of Water Resources has also taken up pilot studies for artificial ground water recharge.